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**U.S. CHARGES PRISON LIEUTENANT
WITH VIOLATING CIVIL RIGHTS OF INMATE**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that EDWARD A. MULRONEY, a Lieutenant with the federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP"), has been charged in an Indictment with violating the civil rights of an inmate by using excessive force against the inmate, resulting in serious bodily injuries.

According to the Indictment, MULRONEY was employed as a Lieutenant with the BOP assigned to the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC") in Manhattan. The Indictment charges that, on or about August 22, 2003, MULRONEY beat an inmate identified as "John Doe," a pre-trial detainee, while the inmate was hand-cuffed, lying chest-down on the ground, and under the physical control of two other correction officers. According to the Indictment, the inmate suffered multiple fractures to his left eye socket and left cheekbone as a result of MULRONEY's use of force.

The one-count Indictment, unsealed today in Manhattan federal court, charges MULRONEY with violation of federal civil rights laws, which make it a crime to willfully deprive a pre-trial detainee of the right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States to be free from the use of excessive force amounting to punishment by someone acting under color of law.

MULRONEY, 53, lives in Staten Island.

If convicted, MULRONEY faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys SERENE K. NAKANO and NEIL M. CORWIN are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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